



## Legislation Text

File #: 24-0293, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Law

**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing (X) Amending

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** First Amendment to the Agreement to provide legal services concerning Workers' Compensation Matters.

**Entity Name:** The Woolridge Law Firm, LLC

**Entity Address:** 17 Academy Street, Suite 1200, Newark, New Jersey 07102

**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$264,407.11

**Funding Source:** 2023 Budget/Law Department/Bus. Unit: NW024, Fund: 024, Dept. 24T, Div./Proj.: 5T24, Acct: 96310, Ref.: B2023

**Contract Period:** January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

**Contract Basis:** ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS

(X) Non-Fair & Open (X) No Reportable Contributions ( ) RFP ( ) RFQ

( ) Private Sale ( ) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) n/a

**Additional Information:**

Resolution 7R6-i(AS) adopted on April 5, 2023, awarded a contract for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for a contract amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

This First Amendment will increase the contract amount by \$114,407.11, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$264,407.11.

**WHEREAS**, Legal Services are Professional Services and are exempt from the requirements for public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council, by Resolution 7R6-i (as), adopted on April 5, 2023, awarded a contract to The Woolridge Law Firm, LLC, 17 Academy Street, Suite 1200, Newark, New Jersey 07102, to provide legal services concerning Workers' Compensation, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$150,000.00), for a period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on or around June 2023, The Woolridge Law Firm, LLC expended the \$150,000.00 and continued to provide legal services at the request of the Corporation Counsel for the remainder of the contract period; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding legal invoices require an increase in the total contract amount of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$114,407.11); and

**WHEREAS**, the requested increase in the total contract amount is deemed reasonable and necessary to pay the outstanding legal bills through the remainder of the contract period; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase of an additional One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred

Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$114,407.11), brings the total contract to an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$264,407.11) for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to enter into and execute a First Amendment to the Agreement to provide legal services with The Woolridge Law Firm, LLC, 17 Academy Street, Suite 1200, Newark, New Jersey 07102, to continue providing legal services concerning Workers' Compensation matters for an additional One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$114,407.11) for a total contract amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$264,407.11) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to cover the outstanding legal invoices from on or about July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies this First Amendment to the Agreement to provide legal services from July 1, 2023 to the date of the adoption of this Resolution.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same.
4. The funds for this First Amendment to the Agreement to provide Legal Services shall be paid from the City of Newark Budget/Law Department, after the issuance of a Certification of Funds from the Chief Financial Officer, which states that funds in the amount of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$114,407.11), Business Unit NW024, Department 24T, Division 5T24, Account 96310, Budget 2023 are available in the aforementioned Law Department Budget. The Certification of Funds shall be filed along with the original Resolution in the Office of the City Clerk.
5. The Corporation Counsel shall file a copy of the executed First Amendment to the Agreement to provide legal services herein authorized in the Office of the City Clerk and the same shall be made available for public inspection.
6. A notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper authorized by law to publish a legal advertisement and as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

**STATEMENT**

This Resolution ratifies, amends, and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into and execute a First Amendment to the Agreement to provide legal services as counsel for Workers' Compensation matters for an additional \$114,407.11 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$264,407.11, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

